Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

May 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering May 14th to 20th, 2017, there were 579,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 19,000 from April 2017 and 1,300 more than the number employed in May 2016.

Agricultural employment was 39,600 persons in May 2017, up 2,900 from the April 2017 level but 4,300 less than the May 2016 agricultural employment level of43,900. Non-agricultural employment was 539,500 persons in May 2017. This is an increase of 16,100 from the April 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 523,400 and5,600 more than May 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2017 was 6.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the April 2017 rate of 7.0 percent but 0.5 percentage points higher than the May 2016 level of 5.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 15,600 to 618,100 persons in May 2017 from 602,500 persons in April 2017. This is 4,600 more than the May 2016 labour force of 613,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.7 percentage points to 70.5 percent in May 2017 from 68.8 percent in April 2017. The May 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.7 percent.

There were 39,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2017. This is an decrease of 3,400 from April 2017 but is 3,200 more than the number unemployed in May 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 570,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2017, up 2,100 from the April 2017 level of 568,200 and is up 1,600 from the May 2016 employment level of 568,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2017 was 6.3 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the April 2017 rate of 6.2 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the May 2016 rate of 6.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 478,000 persons in May 2017 to 18,575,000 persons from 18,097,000 persons in April 2017. In May 2016, there were 18,258,700 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points in May 2017 to 6.6 percent from the April 2017 level of 6.8 percent. In May 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.6 percent in May 2017. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than April 2017 but 0.3 percentage points lower than the May 2016 level of 6.9 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,882.0	19,416.7	19,620.9	465.3	261.1
Employed ('000)	18,575.0	18,097.0	18,258.7	478.0	316.3
Full-Time ('000)	15,070.4	14,488.7	14,842.2	581.7	228.2
Part-Time ('000)	3,504.7	3,608.3	3,416.5	-103.6	88.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,307.0	1,319.7	1,362.2	-12.7	-55.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.8	6.9	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.5	6.9	0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	65.1	66.4	1.5	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	618.1	602.5	613.5	15.6	4.6
Employed ('000)	579.1	560.1	577.8	19.0	1.3
Full-Time ('000)	477.4	453.0	477.0	24.4	0.4
Part-Time ('000)	101.7	107.1	100.8	-5.4	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	39.0	42.4	35.8	-3.4	3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	7.0	5.8	-0.7	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	6.0	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	68.8	70.7	1.7	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	2,510.2	2,471.1	2,472.2	39.1	38.0
Employed ('000)	2,310.5	2,261.1	2,271.3	49.4	39.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,907.3	1,825.5	1,848.4	81.8	58.9
Part-Time ('000)	403.2	435.6	422.9	-32.4	-19.7
Unemployed ('000)	199.7	209.9	201.0	-10.2	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.5	8.1	-0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.8	7.9	8.0	-0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	72.2	72.8	1.1	0.5
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Labour Force ('000)	685.6	672.4	682.9	13.2	2.7
Employed ('000)	650.3	635.9	642.8	14.4	7.5
Full-Time ('000)	531.1	511.0	521.8	20.1	9.3
Part-Time ('000)	119.2	124.9	121.0	-5.7	-1.8
Unemployed ('000)	35.3	36.4	40.1	-1.1	-4.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.4	5.9	-0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.3	5.4	5.9	-0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	66.5	68.5	1.2	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	618.1	602.5	613.5	15.6	4.6
Male	336.2	327.3	334.4	8.9	1.8
Female	281.8	275.2	279.2	6.6	2.6
15-24 Years of Age	94.2	83.9	95.8	10.3	-1.6
25+ Years of age	523.9	518.6	517.8	5.3	6.1
EMPLOYED ('000)	579.1	560.1	577.8	19.0	1.3
Male	312.4	300.1	313.6	12.3	-1.2
Female	266.7	259.9	264.2	6.8	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	83.8	73.5	85.2	10.3	-1.4
25+ Years of age	495.3	486.6	492.6	8.7	2.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	39.0	42.4	35.8	-3.4	3.2
Male	23.9	27.2	20.8	-3.3	3.1
Female	15.2	15.2	15.0	0.0	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	10.4	10.4	10.5	0.0	-0.1
25+ Years of age	28.6	32.0	25.2	-3.4	3.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.3	7.0	5.8	-0.7	0.5
Male	7.1	8.3	6.2	-1.2	0.9
Female	5.4	5.5	5.4	-0.1	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	11.0	12.4	11.0	-1.4	0.0
25+ Years of age	5.5	6.2	4.9	-0.7	0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.5	68.8	70.7	1.7	-0.2
Male	76.1	74.2	76.4	1.9	-0.3
Female	64.8	63.4	64.9	1.4	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	70.4	62.7	71.1	7.7	-0.7
25+ Years of age	70.6	70.0	70.7	0.6	-0.1

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.6	36.7	43.9	2.9	-4.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.4	22.2	24.9	0.2	-2.5
Utilities	7.0	6.7	7.3	0.3	-0.3
Construction	53.4	45.8	52.0	7.6	1.4
Manufacturing	28.3	27.9	24.5	0.4	3.8
Trade	92.9	92.3	87.4	0.6	5.5
Transportation and Warehousing	27.9	26.4	27.4	1.5	0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.1	27.2	30.3	-0.1	-3.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30.5	32.5	28.0	-2.0	2.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	15.5	12.8	12.6	2.7	2.9
Educational Services	43.6	43.1	42.9	0.5	0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.6	76.9	79.1	0.7	-1.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.9	20.7	22.1	0.2	-1.2
Accommodation and Food Services	37.7	35.6	40.1	2.1	-2.4
Other Services	24.7	24.4	25.5	0.3	-0.8
Public Administration	29.7	29.0	29.7	0.7	0.0
Total	579.1	560.1	577.8	19.0	1.3
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	477.4	453.0	477.0	24.4	0.4
Part-Time	101.7	107.1	100.8	-5.4	0.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	477.2	457.3	469.6	19.9	7.6
Public Sector	142.7	138.6	142.9	4.1	-0.2
Private Sector	334.4	318.6	326.7	15.8	7.7
Self-Employed	101.9	102.8	108.2	-0.9	-6.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,575.0	18,097.0	18,258.7	478.0	316.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.4	219.2	241.7	10.2	-12.3
Prince Edward Island	77.7	69.5	74.0	8.2	3.7
Nova Scotia	457.5	441.3	452.7	16.2	4.8
New Brunswick	357.8	340.3	355.1	17.5	2.7
Quebec	4,249.1	4,122.1	4,164.7	127.0	84.4
Ontario	7,175.8	7,004.9	7,091.7	170.9	84.1
Manitoba	650.3	635.9	642.8	14.4	7.5
Saskatchewan	579.1	560.1	577.8	19.0	1.3
Alberta	2,310.5	2,261.1	2,271.3	49.4	39.2
British Columbia	2,487.8	2,442.6	2,386.9	45.2	100.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.6	6.8	6.9	-0.2	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	16.3	11.3	-1.9	3.1
Prince Edward Island	8.5	13.2	8.9	-4.7	-0.4
Nova Scotia	7.6	9.1	7.9	-1.5	-0.3
New Brunswick	8.3	10.2	9.8	-1.9	-1.5
Quebec	5.8	7.2	7.0	-1.4	-1.2
Ontario	6.6	5.9	6.6	0.7	0.0
Manitoba	5.1	5.4	5.9	-0.3	-0.8
Saskatchewan	6.3	7.0	5.8	-0.7	0.5
Alberta	8.0	8.5	8.1	-0.5	-0.1
British Columbia	5.7	5.2	6.2	0.5	-0.5

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,365.7	18,311.2	18,048.9	54.5	316.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.7	227.4	238.1	-1.7	-12.4
Prince Edward Island	75.0	73.5	71.6	1.5	3.4
Nova Scotia	450.2	450.0	445.2	0.2	5.0
New Brunswick	352.3	351.6	349.2	0.7	3.1
Quebec	4,205.0	4,190.1	4,121.7	14.9	83.3
Ontario	7,086.9	7,067.0	7,000.9	19.9	86.0
Manitoba	642.7	640.0	635.7	2.7	7.0
Saskatchewan	570.3	568.2	568.7	2.1	1.6
Alberta	2,291.1	2,289.0	2,250.4	2.1	40.7
British Columbia	2,466.6	2,454.3	2,367.4	12.3	99.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.6	6.5	6.9	0.1	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.8	14.0	11.8	0.8	3.0
Prince Edward Island	10.0	10.3	10.5	-0.3	-0.5
Nova Scotia	7.9	8.3	8.2	-0.4	-0.3
New Brunswick	8.4	8.7	9.9	-0.3	-1.5
Quebec	6.0	6.6	7.0	-0.6	-1.0
Ontario	6.5	5.8	6.6	0.7	-0.1
Manitoba	5.3	5.4	5.9	-0.1	-0.6
Saskatchewan	6.3	6.2	6.0	0.1	0.3
Alberta	7.8	7.9	8.0	-0.1	-0.2
British Columbia	5.6	5.5	6.1	0.1	-0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.5	8.4	6.9	0.1	1.6
Halifax	7.3	7.4	6.5	-0.1	0.8
Saint John	5.9	6.6	8.8	-0.7	-2.9
Quebec	4.8	4.7	4.3	0.1	0.5
Montreal	6.8	7.2	8.3	-0.4	-1.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.3	6.8	0.4	-1.1
Toronto	6.9	6.7	7.2	0.2	-0.3
Greater Sudbury	7.1	7.3	9.1	-0.2	-2.0
Winnipeg	5.6	6.1	6.1	-0.5	-0.5
Regina	4.9	4.9	5.7	0.0	-0.8
Saskatoon	8.5	8.1	7.0	0.4	1.5
Calgary	9.4	9.2	8.6	0.2	0.8
Edmonton	8.3	8.5	7.4	-0.2	0.9
Vancouver	5.3	4.9	5.7	0.4	-0.4
Victoria	3.7	3.6	5.6	0.1	-1.9
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.7	184.1	183.9	-0.4	-0.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.3	51.6	53.5	-0.3	-2.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	193.7	190.6	191.6	3.1	2.1
Yorkton-Melville	39.5	38.4	36.8	1.1	2.7
Prince Albert & Northern	98.6	96.9	99.9	1.7	-1.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	May 2017	April 2017	May 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	606.6	601.5	605.3	5.1	1.3
Employed ('000)	565.3	560.3	565.4	5.0	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	41.3	41.3	39.9	0.0	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.9	6.6	-0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	68.8	69.8	0.5	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	64.1	65.2	0.5	-0.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	551.0	544.9	552.8	6.1	-1.8
Employed ('000)	518.2	513.0	521.5	5.2	-3.3
Unemployed ('000)	32.8	31.9	31.3	0.9	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.9	5.7	0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.0	70.3	0.7	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.0	66.3	0.6	-0.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	55.6	56.7	52.5	-1.1	3.1
Employed ('000)	47.1	47.3	43.9	-0.2	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	8.5	9.4	8.6	-0.9	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.2	16.5	16.4	-1.3	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	66.5	65.4	-1.3	-0.2
Employment Rate (%)	55.3	55.5	54.7	-0.2	0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	22.5	23.6	20.5	-1.1	2.0
Employed ('000)	18.0	18.8	15.3	-0.8	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.9	5.2	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.9	20.7	25.3	-0.8	-5.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.0	62.0	59.3	-3.0	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	47.3	49.2	44.3	-1.9	3.0
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Labour Force ('000)	32.8	32.9	31.5	-0.1	1.3
Employed ('000)	29.1	28.5	28.1	0.6	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.8	4.4	3.4	-0.6	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	13.2	10.8	-1.7	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.2	70.9	0.0	-0.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.1	60.9	63.2	1.2	-1.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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